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PATENT

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-20 of the application stand rejected. Claim 2 was previously canceled and Claims 5, 7, 13 and 15 have been canceled herein without prejudice to the filing of continuations and/or divisionals. Claims 1, 3, 6, 18 and 19 have been amended herein to more clearly define the scope of the presently claimed invention. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-12, 14 and 16-20 in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3-14 and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Calendor (2002/0188567) in view of Kocher et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,289,455) and further in view of Uz (U.S. Patent No. 6,351,538). Additionally, Claim 15 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicates that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 5, 7, 13 and 15 have been canceled herein without prejudice and the rejections to these claims are thereby moot. With respect to the remaining claims, Applicant has amended the claims appropriately to incorporate the limitations in Claim 15 that the Examiner indicated as allowable subject matter. More specifically, Claims 1, 3, 6, 18 and 19 have been amended to indicate that the encrypted decryption key is stored in a memory region that is part of a demultiplexer. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that as amended, pending Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-12, 14 and 16-20 are patentable over the cited references and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection to these claims under 35 U.S.C. §103.

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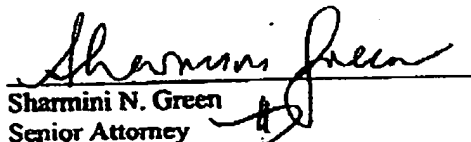
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome and that pending Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-12, 14 and 16-20 are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this case. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (714) 669-1261.

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Respectfully submitted,

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